

Williamstown, MA Seasonal Walks

The 5K walk is rated **2A** and the 10K walk is rated **2B**.

Starting Point: The Williams Inn Phone: 413-458-9371
101 Spring St.
Williams, MA 01267 Website: www.williamsinn.com

Restrooms are available in the Williams Inn and for the 10K walkers restrooms may be available at the Lunder Center at Stone Hill.

DIRECTIONS TO START POINT: The Williams Inn located on Spring St. in Williamstown. Williamstown is located in the northwest corner of Massachusetts, bordering on New York and Vermont – 43 miles east of Albany NY and 140 miles west of Boston MA. Parking is available at the Inn and in a Public Parking Lot off of Spring St. near the entrance to the Williams Inn.

From Albany & points west: NYS Thruway to Route I-87 North to Exit 7, Route 2 East in Latham. Take Route 2 East through Troy into Williamstown. Turn left at the southerly junction of Routes 2 and 7. Follow roundabout to Route 2 E or Main St. to Spring St. Turn right, follow to end of street. The Williams Inn is on the right.

From the North: I-87 (Adirondack Northway) South to Exit 7 Route 2 East Latham. Then follow directions from Albany.

From Boston, Mass Pike and points east: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike West (I-90) to Exit 2, (Lee/Lenox). Follow Route 20 West to Route 7 North. Continue on Route 7 North (becomes State Rt. 2 also) into Williamstown. Follow roundabout to Route 2 E or Main St. to Spring St. Turn right, follow to end of street. The Williams Inn is on the right.

Course Description: The picturesque village of Williamstown is situated in the Berkshires at the Vermont/New York border. It is the home of Williams College, the renowned Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute and the nationally acclaimed Williamstown Theater Festival. The route follows paths, streets and sidewalks in the picturesque village of Williamstown; and, through the campus of Williams College.

The following map & directions may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.
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Williamstown, MA 5K Walk

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1. **RIGHT**, as you leave the front of the Williams Inn to the crosswalk at Spring St.
2. **LEFT** onto Spring St.
This 3-block area is lined with small shops, a bakery, boutiques, an ice-cream shop and restaurants.
3. **CONTINUE** to end of Spring St. and cross Main St.
4. **LEFT** on Main St. and walk to Park St.
5. **RIGHT** on Park St. Look for the 3rd crosswalk onto the Williams College Campus.
6. **RIGHT** on the 3rd crosswalk. Look for a brick walk that will lead to Mission Park Dr.
7. **RIGHT** onto Mission Park Dr. Look for and pass by the Haystack Monument marker. The next intersection is Stetson St. (no street sign).

8. **LEFT** onto Stetson St. Walk on a downhill stretch and through the yellow gates to Cole Ave.
As you walk on Stetson St. note the cemetery and tennis courts on the right. Parker Field Apartments will be on the left. Eph Pond will be on the right and ball fields on the left before reaching the yellow gates.
9. **RIGHT** on Cole Ave. (no street sign), across from an old mill. Walk to Hall St.
10. **LEFT** to cross Cole Ave and continue on Hall Street to the end.
11. **RIGHT** on Elm St. (no street sign) Walk to Linden St.
12. **RIGHT** on Linden St. to Cole Ave. Using the crosswalk, cross Cole Ave.
13. **LEFT** on Cole Ave to Main St. Main St. is where Cole Ave. ends.
14. **CROSS** Main St. (aka Route 2 and The Mohawk Trail), at the traffic light.
15. **RIGHT** on Main Street to Water St.
16. **LEFT** on Water St. Continue on Water St. for 3 short blocks to Latham St.
17. **RIGHT** on Latham St., walk past Weston Fields to Spring St.
18. **CROSS** Spring St., Williams Inn is on your left.

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Mayflower – 400 th Anniversary		Rockin' Around the Clock

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Note: Dogs are not allowed in Eastlawn Cemetery.

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1. **RIGHT** as you leave the front of Williams Inn walk to and cross the first crosswalk.
2. **LEFT** on sidewalk to a cream building. Continue to end.
3. **LEFT** on Knolls. (no street sign). The road will go uphill and curve to the right to South St. Cross South St.
4. **LEFT** on South St. to the Clark Art Institute. Look for a white marble building and a roadway immediately after it.
The Clark Art Institute was built in 1955 by Sterling and Francine Clark to house their private collection from the 19th century (Renoir, Monet, Degas, Homer Wellington & Remington) as well as silver, sculpture, drawings, prints).
5. **RIGHT** on the roadway. It will curve to the left. Continue on the road in front of the Manton Research Center (the grey-pink marble building). Follow to the Fire Road. Go around the barricade.
6. **RIGHT** onto the fire lane and walk to the small bridge.

7. **LEFT** at the small bridge into the woods. Continue walking up the stony "Nan Path" as it veers to the left. Walk past a gate on the right.

Refer to the Clark Trails Map and the markers along the trail. Amphitheaters and boardwalks are noted on this map

8. **CONTINUE** on the trail up the hill to the pasture trail gate. The gate has instructions on how to open. Walk to the white birch trees on the grass. At this point you can enjoy the scenic overlook of the Clark Museum, the Green Mountains, and the city of Williamstown.
9. **REVERSE** your walk back to the trail.
10. **RIGHT** crossing bridge and continue on trail to Lunder Center at Stone Hill (restrooms available).
11. **RIGHT** as you leave to the stone walking trail Blue Howard Path leading to the Manton Research Center. Return to the Fire Lane and leave as you entered.
12. **LEFT** on the roadway to South St.
13. **LEFT** onto South St. and continue to Main St.
Notice the old Williams Inn across the Main St. traffic loop.
14. **RIGHT** on Main St. to Park St.
15. **LEFT** to cross Main St. at the crosswalk. Continue on Park St. to the third crosswalk.
16. **RIGHT** on the 3rd crosswalk. Look for a brick walk that will lead to Mission Park Dr.
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19. RIGHT on Cole Ave. (no street sign), across from an old mill. Walk to Main St. Main St. is where Cole Ave. ends.

20. CROSS Main St. at the crosswalk.

21. LEFT on Main St. to Eastlawn Cemetery. Look for the historic Sherman Burbank Chapel.

22. RIGHT into cemetery, keeping the chapel to the left.

23. CONTINUE to the Veterans Circle, bearing left about three-quarters the way around the circle.

24. LEFT to walk past the maintenance building to the curve. Continue right on trail. Bear right around chained entrance to Green River Linear Park.

25. CONTINUE on trail, crossing bridge over Green River to Water St. (no street sign).

26. CROSS Water St. at crosswalk and go left to Meacham St.

27. RIGHT on Meacham St. Pass the Taconic Golf Club as Meacham St. curves to the right. Walk to Latham St.

28. LEFT on Latham St., walk past Weston Fields to Spring St.

29. Williams Inn is on the left side of that corner.

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